

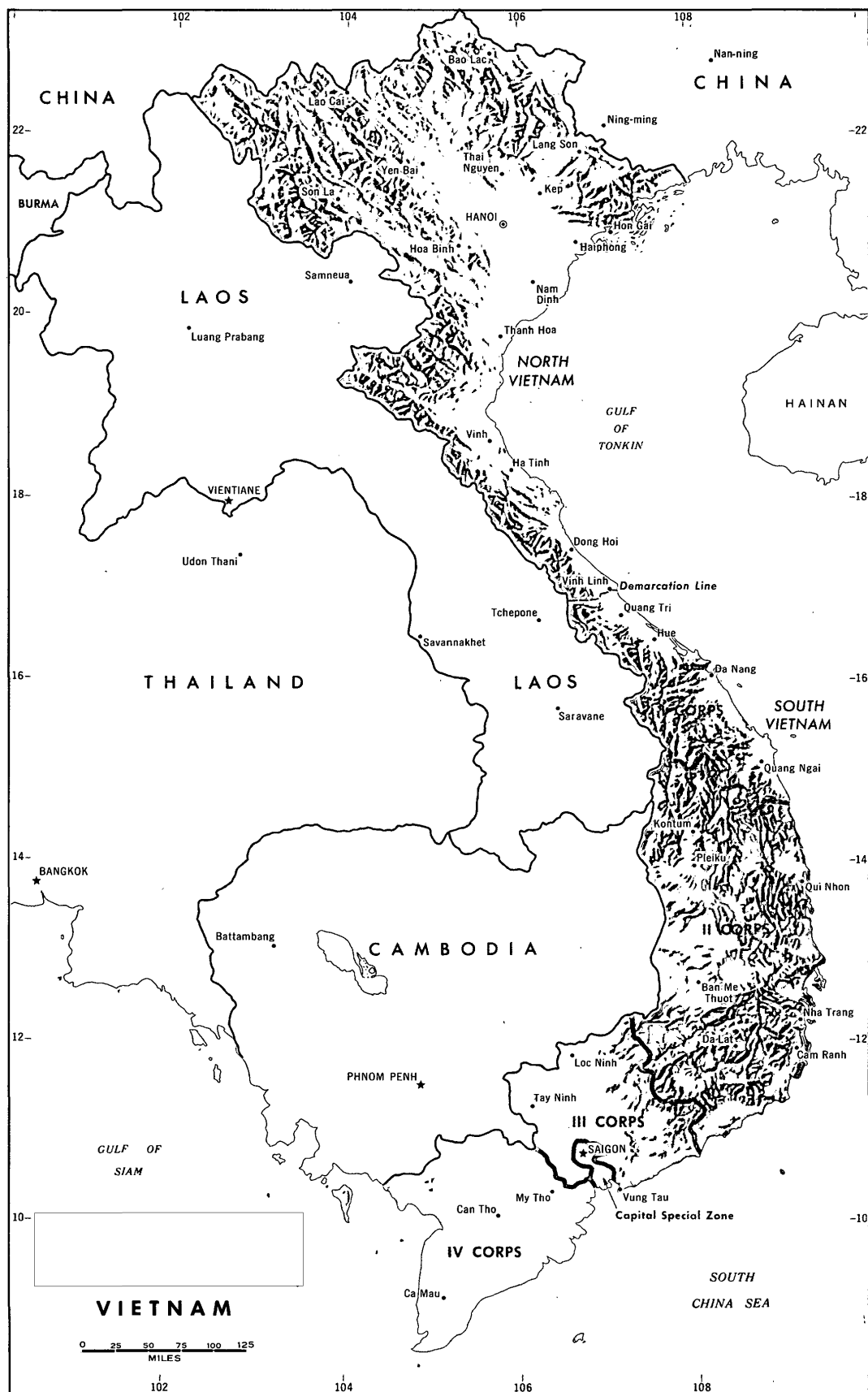
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VIETNAM

Chou En-lai has already arrived in Hanoi to pay his respects to Ho Chi Minh. His haste may indicate that he wants to lay out China's case for the new leaders before other VIPs start their campaign.

In South Vietnam, rocket and mortar attacks increased to the highest rate since the night of 11 August. The two southernmost corps were the scene of almost four times as many attacks as the two in the north.

In Saigon, [] the Viet Cong distributed leaflets and tracts calling on the people to mourn for Ho for the next seven days.

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BRAZIL

Brazilian and US officials in Rio have released most of the information about the kidnapping of Ambassador Elbrick to the press []

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[] Foreign Minister Magalhaes Pinto, during his call at the embassy, indicated that the kidnappers demands for Elbrick's release would be met []

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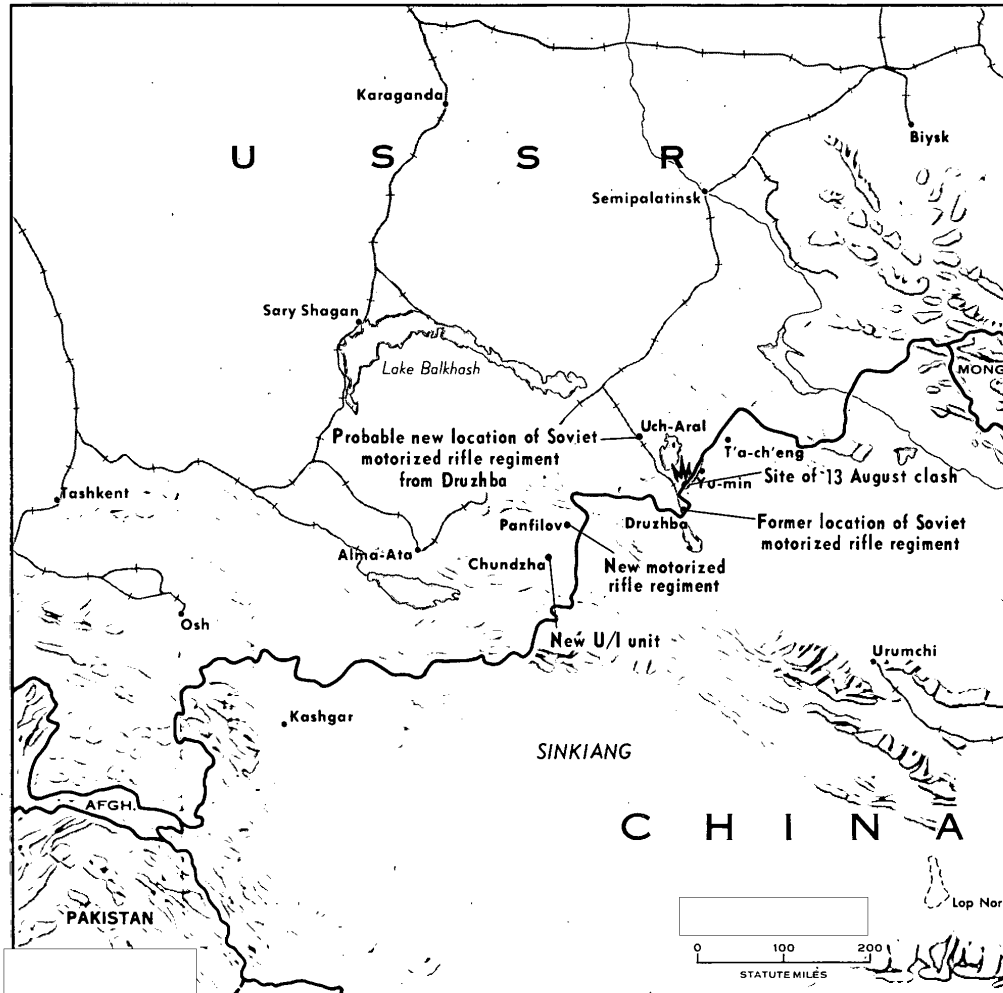
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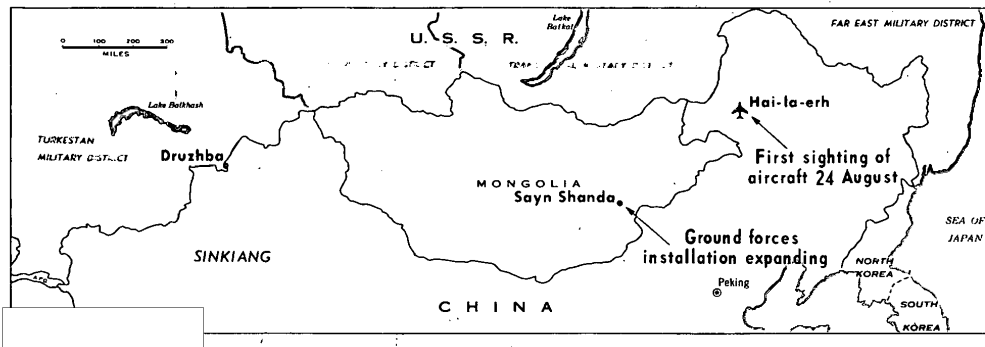
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Military Activity on the Sino-Soviet Border



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SOVIET UNION - COMMUNIST CHINA

Satellite photography [] shows some changes in the military forces on both sides of the border. On the Sinkiang border, the Soviets have added a motorized rifle regiment and a smaller unit and have withdrawn another regiment from its former vulnerable position at Druzhba. More than 1,000 miles to the east, in Mongolia, the Soviet army installation is being expanded. On the Chinese side, northwest of Harbin, about 21 MIG fighters were noted at Hai-le-erh, the first sighting of aircraft at that airfield.

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MIDDLE EAST

It will be hard for Tel Aviv to stick to its assurances of minimum publicity when the first four Phantoms arrive today. []

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[] Arab militants may take news of the delivery as the signal for anti-US demonstrations, particularly in Lebanon and Jordan and in those countries with extensive American oil installations.

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Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vinogradov told Ambassador Beam on Wednesday that Dobrynin will not be back in Washington before the opening of the UN General Assembly on 16 September. He gave no reason for the delay in Dobrynin's return, but it is possible that the ambassador has not yet recovered from his long sickness. On the

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other hand, the Soviets may still be having trouble developing their positions on various issues outstanding with the US, and do not want to send the ambassador back to Washington with an empty briefcase.

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Israel's punishing commando raids into Lebanon is unlikely to deter the fedayeen based there, and will further reduce President Hilu's chances of restraining the terrorists.

JAPAN

Radical students

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are planning to protest Sato's late-fall visit to the US. They have already used Molotov cocktails for nuisance raids against the US and Soviet embassies, protesting Foreign Minister Aichi's trip to Moscow and Washington. They delayed his departure yesterday by hurling them on the airport runway.

A power struggle among the several factions of the student movement is one cause of the adoption of "guerrilla" tactics. Another is that police have been highly effective in handling unified student demonstrations and violence in the past.

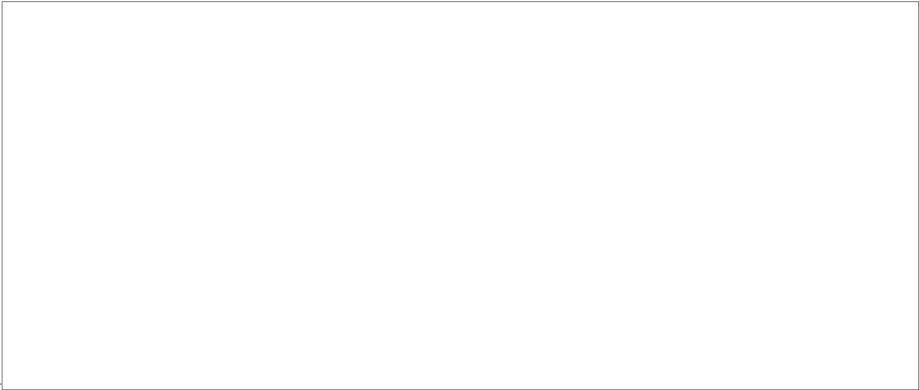
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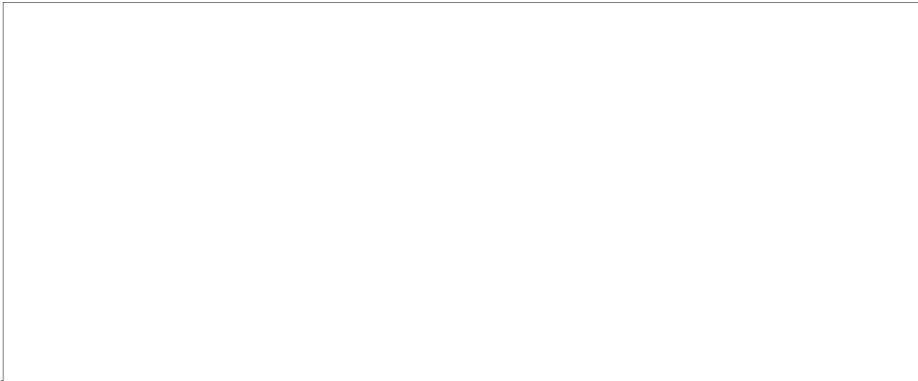
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